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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

REMARKS

Claims 12 to 22 are pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Claims 12 to 16 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,317,568 to Bixby *et al.* (the "Bixby reference").

The Bixby reference purportedly concerns a method and apparatus for managing and facilitating communications in a distributed heterogeneous network. Title and Abstract, lines 1-3. The Bixby reference refers to a method and apparatus wherein communications managers reside in local processing environments and are

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SIR:

Please find a Response, filed in response to an Office Action dated September 11, 2002 (the three-month shortened statutory date being December 11, 2002), transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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Dear Examiner Lynn:

Thank you for your telephone call to us today. To confirm, we did file a Response for the above-identified application on December 11, 2002 via U.S. First Class Mail.

For your information, please find attached a copy of the postcard having the U.S.P.T.O. stamp, two copies of the transmittal form and a copy of the response.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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